

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Preliminarily, Applicant wish to thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter; claims 3, 7-9, and 21. Pursuant to the Examiner's suggestion, Applicant has rewritten the allowable claims in independent form (See claims 1, 21, and 28). In addition, Applicant has correspondingly amended method claim 24, now rewritten as new claim 29. Reconsideration and allowance of the present application based on the following remarks are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-2, 4-5, 8-19, 21-23, and 25 have been amended. Claims 3, 6-7, 20, 24 and 26-27 have been cancelled. New claims 28-29 have been added. Support for the amendments may be found throughout the specification. No new matter has been added as a consequence of these amendments. Upon entry of these amendments, claims 1-2, 4-5, 8-19, 21-23, 25, and 28-29 will be pending.

Applicant respectfully submits that the amendments to the pending claims render all rejections based on 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) and 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) moot. Accordingly, the Applicant submits that the pending claims are in full compliance with 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) and 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

Therefore, all objections and rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Should any issues remain unresolved, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney for Applicant at the telephone number indicated below in order to expeditiously resolve any remaining issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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